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DEPUTY SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU

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1. DURING OUR CONVERSATION AFTER DINNER AUGUST 7,
FOREIGN MINISTER ROLANDIS SUGGESTED WE SHOULD MEET
ABOUT AUGUST 17 TO REVIEW SITUATION IN LIGHT OF LIFTING
OF EMBARGO AND DISCUSS NEXT STEPS. I TOLD HIM I WOULD
BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH HIM AT HIS CONVENIENCE. MEETING
HAS NOW BEEN FIXED FOR MORNING AUGUST 17.

2. I EXPECT ROLANDIS WILL ASK WHAT U.S. INTENDS TO DO
TO PROMOTE PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY IN
LIGHT OF LANGUAGE IN BYRD AND WRIGHT AMENDMENTS AND
PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT REAFFIRMING U.S. COMMITMENT
TO JUST SETTLEMENT. I PROPOSE MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS,
WHICH DEPUTY SECRETARY MAY ALSO WISH TO RAISE WITH
AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU (REFTEL):
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--WE APPRECIATE STATESMANLIKE CONDUCT OF GOC DURING DIFFICULT
PERIOD OF EMBARGO CONTROVERSY AND STEPS IT HAS TAKEN TO
MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO CYPRUS-U.S. RELATIONS.
--ALTHOUGH FINAL BILL LIFTING EMBARGO HAS NOT BEEN PASSED, WE
EXPECT IT WILL EMBODY MOST ESSENTIAL POINTS OF BYRD/WRIGHT AMEND-
MENTS. FURTHERMORE, U.S. ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS CONGRESS,
REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO

FAIR SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO LIFT EMBARGO IN NO WAY DIMINISHES THAT COMMITMENT. WE DO NOT HAVE IN MIND ANY SPECIFIC STEPS FOR U.S. TO TAKE AT THIS TIME. WE WILL BE SEEKING WAYS TO REINFORCE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S ROLE AND EXPLORING OTHER WAYS WE MIGHT MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION. PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, ANY CONTRIBUTION WE CAN MAKE WILL BE DEPENDENT ON DETERMINATION OF TWO CYPRIOT PARTIES TO FIND A SOLUTION.

--WITH EMBARGO ISSUE BEHIND US, WE HOPE FOR A FREEING-UP OF ATTITUDES; WE HOPE THAT EFFORTS BY BOTH SIDES, WHICH PREVIOUSLY WERE CONCENTRATED ON EITHER LIFTING OR MAINTAINING EMBARGO, WILL NOW BE TURNED TO MORE CONSTRUCTIVE PURSUITS.

--PRESIDENT CARTER'S OPPOSITION TO USE OF MILITARY FORCE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM REFLECTS OUR CONTINUING BELIEF THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEST MEANS OF PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD WELCOME A REAFFIRMATION BY GOC THAT IT REMAINS COMMITTED TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED ON THE MAKARIOS/DENKTASH AGREEMENTS OF 1977.

--WE WOULD HOPE TWO SIDES WOULD TAKE FRESH LOOK TO SEE WHERE THERE ARE COMMON GROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION AND AVOID MUTUAL REJECTION OF PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT JUSTIFY FURTHER EXPLORATION.

--FAMAGUSTA-VAROSHA PROPOSALS ARE A CASE IN POINT. ALTHOUGH PROPOSALS OF TWO SIDES ARE OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT IN IMPORTANT RESPECTS, WE WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THEM FILED AWAY WITHOUT A CONCERTED EFFORT BEING MADE TO CLOSE THE DIFFERENCES.

--OTHER SPECIFIC AREAS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE TWO SIDES EXPLORE
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FURTHER IN ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE REMAINING DIFFERENCES ARE A MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE AND REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT. WE BELIEVE RESOLUTION OF THESE LIMITED ISSUES WOULD NOT ONLY BE VALUABLE IN THEMSELVES BUT WOULD ALSO HELP RESTORE MOMENTUM TOWARD AN OVERALL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EVENTUAL AGREEMENT.

--WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE GOC'S VIEWS AS TO FURTHER STEPS WE COULD TAKE, NOT ONLY IN CONTRIBUTING TO SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM BUT IN BROADENING AND DEEPENING U.S.-CYPRUS RELATIONS IN GENERAL.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE POINTS AND ADVICE ON ANY OTHER TOPICS I SHOULD RAISE WITH ROLANDIS, ESPECIALLY ON WHETHER I SHOULD RAISE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS' RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL. ALL SIGNS ARE THAT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, AT LEAST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR GREECE, WAS UNALTERABLY DETERMINED TO GO TO SC, BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO MAKE POINT FOR THE RECORD DIMITRIOU OR ROLANDIS OR BOTH THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE RANCOROUS DEBATE IN SC WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE AT THIS TIME. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF I COULD HAVE REPORT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH DIMITRIOU BEFORE MY MEETING WITH ROLANDIS.

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